

# College and Career Readiness Conferences FAQs



*1. Which educators should participate in the conferences?*

Sessions will be offered for administrators, central office staff, and teachers of English/language arts (ELA), mathematics, social studies, science, special education, English Language Learners (ELL), and Gifted and Talented. Please note that ELA and mathematics teachers have the option to participate in online courses. See FAQ #3. Higher Education is also being invited—both content and education professors are welcomed.

*2. In addition, to the conferences, will virtual courses still be offered during the summer of 2014?*

Yes. Online courses will be offered to teachers of ELA and mathematics. Teachers of these contents are encouraged to choose one of these courses in lieu of, or in addition to, the summer conferences. These courses will be ongoing beginning the summer of 2014, however, they will be offered free of charge during the summer of 2014 only. Each online course carries a minimum of three (3) CPD credits. Additional information will be forthcoming regarding the course offerings.

*3. Can participants choose sessions from different SESSION STRANDS?*

Yes. Sessions are open to anyone who is interested in the topic/content.

*4. Are certain SESSION STRANDS reserved for administration/central office only?*

No. All sessions are open to all participants.

*5. I understand that it tells me that I will get my times and locations when I arrive at the conference. What will happen if I chose 4 that overlap?*

The time of sessions will be scheduled to fit as many people as possible. However, if sessions do overlap, one of the alternate sessions will be chosen.

*6. Will all sessions be offered multiple times at the same site?*

An attempt will be made to offer each session as many times as needed to accommodate the number of participants who chose each one; therefore, specific session times and room numbers will not be assigned until the conference check-in.

7. *If I want a session and it is full at one site, can I register for it at another site?*

No. You can only attend one conference during the summer.

8. *Will there be a working session included in the room availability where I can meet with my team to discuss our sessions?*

School teams are not being required to attend the same site. Therefore, school team work space is not being reserved; however, there are several open spaces where teams can meet, if desired, at each conference location.

9. *Can I come on one day and another person from my school attends the other? Do I have to attend all eight (8) sessions to which I am assigned?*

You must register for the two full days. Session times and rooms will not be assigned until the day of the conference. There is no way to tailor each day separately to meet the needs of two individuals. You must attend all sessions on both days or you will take up a slot that could go to someone else.

10. *Will the sessions have reading materials distributed prior to the conference that I can use to prep my team?*

All materials will be provided through Blackboard prior to the start of the conferences.

11. *Will participants be paid for attending? Will CPD credit be offered?*

This is a conference, not an academy. MSDE will not pay participants for attendance; however, this is a free conference and lunch is being provided free of charge. Participants can receive one (1) CPD credit for attendance only, or two (2) CPD credits for attendance, plus a school/county presentation on content of conference sessions.